(e) if so, what are the details of sale receipt of payments and amounts still due on such sales, lot-wise and party-wise; and

(d) whether any reponsibility has been fixed for such irregularities and if so, the action taken against the erring officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Population-Bank ratio in the country

3053. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the national average population served by a bank branch;

(b) whether any principle in this regard is being strictly adhered to; and

(c) if so, what is the population-bank ratio, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the average population per bank office (APPBO) for the country as a whole is 12,000 as per 1981 census. There is no specific goal or target earmarked for national average population served by a branch. However, the aim of current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985—90 is to achieve a coverage of 17,000 population per bank office in the rural and semi-urban areas of each development block.

(c) The State-wise average population served by a bank branch is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

S. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	A.P.P.B.O. (in thousands)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11
3.	Assam	19
4.	Bihar	16
5.	Goa	4
6.	Gujarat	10
7.	Haryana	10
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8
10.	Karnataka	9
11.	Kerala	9
12.	Madhya Pradesh	13
13.	Maharashtra	12
14.	Manipur	21
15.	Meghalaya	9

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	A.P.P.B.O. (in thousands)
16.	Mizoram	8
17.	Nagaland	7
18.	Orissa	14
19.	Punjab	8
20.	Rajasthan	12
21.	Sikkim	12
22.	Tamil Nadu	12
23.	Tripura	13
24.	Uttar Pradesh	14
25.	West Bengal	14
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	11
27.	Chandigarh	4
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	15
29.	Daman and Diu	8
30.	Delhi	6
31.	Lakshadweep	7
32.	Pondicherry	9
	ALL INDIA	12

Medium term loan to Assam

3054. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sanction a medium term loan of Rs. 150 crore to the Government of Assam on the basis of a memorandum submitted to the Government; and

(b) if so, by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) *Does not arise*

Bank robberies in the country

3055 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank robberies which took place in the country during the last three years, State-wise?

(b) the amount involved/loss caused to each bank, bank-wise;

(c) the number of cases solved and the amount recovered in each case; and

(d) whether Government have evloved any method to stall such robberies in future and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AF-